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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

SUBJECT: Merger of Counter Intelligence Activities in the Office of The Inspector General, USAF

1. Pursuant to instructions of the Chief of Staff, USAF that necessary action be taken in order to fully implement the merger of the Counter Intelligence Corps with the Office of The Inspector General, it has been agreed as a result of studies between the Director of Intelligence and The Inspector General that responsibility for accomplishment of the United States Air Force Counter Intelligence mission and the performance of related activities would be assumed by The Inspector General on a basis as outlined herein.

2. The mission of USAF counter intelligence is to impede and destroy the action of enemy agents or hostile elements whose interest it is to penetrate the Air Force Establishment for purposes of espionage, sabotage, or subversion; to detect evidence of treason, sedition, subversive activities, and disaffection within the ranks and among the civilians employed by, or in the facilities operating for, the Air Force Establishment; and to investigate the background of military and civilian personnel who are, or are about to be, placed in positions of trust within the jurisdiction of the Air Force Establishment. To ensure the accomplishment of this mission and the performance of related activities it is agreed that the following functions will be transferred from the Directorate of Intelligence to The Inspector General.

a. Direct, supervise and control and investigative activity for the detection of subversion, disaffection, disloyalty, espionage, treason, and similar matters.

b. Maintain records regarding subversive organizations and individuals outside the Military Establishment which may affect the USAF in the performance of its mission.

c. Review and process or act upon Counter Intelligence reports and other information relating to personnel, incidents and aircraft accidents.

d. Prescribe appropriate Counter Intelligence training doctrines, exercise staff supervision over the procurement, allocation and assignment of all Counter Intelligence personnel and the general administration of the Counter Intelligence personnel.

e. Establish uniform procedures in accordance with present and future directives for the disposition of disaffected and subversive USAF military and civilian personnel.

f. Prepare policies on and supervise the establishment and maintenance of sources of Counter Intelligence information within the USAF.

g. Perform investigations of commercial companies and facilities in connection with classified contracts for the USAF.

h. Perform loyalty investigations of civilians employed on USAF classified contracts.

i. Perform loyalty investigations of civilians under the administrative control of the USAF.

j. Perform background investigations of newly integrated USAF regular officers.

k. Investigate aliens for employment in connection with USAF contracts.

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1. Review all Counter Intelligence investigative reports for adequacy as to form, procedure and substance and make appropriate recommendations for correction of deficiencies and recommend action to be taken relative thereto.

m. Coordinate Counter Intelligence matters between Headquarters USAF and other governmental agencies, and between Headquarters USAF and USAF field organizations, initiating appropriate procedures and necessary remedial action with reference to the loyalty of USAF military and civilian personnel.

n. Perform investigations necessary for the clearance of USAF personnel for cryptographic duties.

o. Perform background investigations of military personnel and undertake special Confidential investigative assignments as may be required.

p. Evaluate, analyze, and summarize information as required on the status and extent of disaffection, subversion, espionage and sabotage and details thereon within the areas of Air Force responsibility, for dissemination to USAF commands, Director of Intelligence, USAF and other appropriate agencies.

q. Make periodic security surveys of Headquarters, USAF offices as deemed necessary or upon request.

r. Prepare and issue PIO (record checks) clearances in coordination with DCS/Personnel.

s. Process investigations of personnel for access to classified military information within Headquarters, USAF.

t. Responsible for advising The Air Adjutant General of loyalty clearances of personnel of Headquarters, USAF.

u. Maintain necessary files and records.

v. All functions pertaining to censorship and travel control, including the operation thereof, and excepting only the function relating to promulgation of policy relating thereto and described in Par 3 b below. The Inspector General assumes the responsibility for disseminating to the USAF commands, Director of Intelligence, USAF, and other appropriate agencies information received from the operation of censorship.

w. Initiate and supervise a continuing program for the indoctrination of USAF personnel in the responsibilities and procedures concerning the safeguarding of military information.

x. Accomplish staff action as may be required relative to all Counter Intelligence matters from overseas air commands.

y. Train and provide the investigative agents required by the overseas air commands to accomplish the Air Counter Intelligence mission. Ensure that these functions take cognizance of their requirement for agents who are capable of, and available for, exploitation of the positive intelligence collection operations presented in the course of their investigative duties. That portion of their overseas training which concerns positive intelligence activities will be arranged and conducted in a manner mutually agreeable to the Director of Special Investigations and the Director of Intelligence.

3. To ensure the accomplishment of all policy making functions related to the safeguarding of military information it is agreed that responsibility for the accomplishment of the following functions will remain in the Directorate of Intelligence:

a. Propose, promulgate, revise and interpret policies, and establish such broad basic procedures as may be required to ensure uniformity within the USAF, which are related to: safe-guarding military information within the USAF, release of USAF classified information to foreign

governments and to U. S. Federal and State agencies and private corporations and individuals; security classification and downgrading of USAF information.

b. Propose, promulgate, revise and interpret policies and establish such broad basic procedures as may be required to ensure uniformity within the USAF, which are related to the travel control of personnel at USAF clearing stations and military, civil and prisoner-of war censorship.

c. Prepare necessary regulations, instructions, and directives establishing policies relating to the investigation of civilian and military persons under the jurisdiction of the USAF for the purpose of determining loyalty.

d. Ensure necessary coordination with appropriate governmental agencies in connection with matters referred to in paragraph a and b above.

e. Review and recommend action on the release of classified information to requesting Federal, State and private agencies or individuals, and to foreign governments.

f. Review and act upon requests of foreign nationals to visit USAF installations and facilities.

g. Advise USAF agencies and USAF personnel concerning approved security policies in connection with proposed publications, correspondence, plans and procedures.

h. Conduct such normal staff activities as may be required to determine the adequacy of USAF policies and policy directives relating to the safeguarding of military information.

i. Monitor USAF participation as required, on Committees on the Release of Technical Information.

j. Monitor USAF representation as required on the SANACC for Military Information Control.

4. It is further agreed that the following functions, which represent a portion of the mission of the Reports and Review Branch of the Air Counter Intelligence Division and which is not being transferred as an investigative activity, will remain in the Directorate of Intelligence as an intelligence production activity:

a. Receive summarized, analyzed and evaluated subversive intelligence information from The Inspector General and other appropriate agencies, perform additional analysis and evaluation as necessary, and interpret and integrate into the complete air intelligence estimate.

b. Analyze, collate and interpret intelligence information of subversive activities as is received from the attache system and other foreign positive sources and place the air picture in its proper perspective. (This production responsibility is not applicable to areas of Air Force responsibility since intelligence of subversive activities within these areas will be collected and produced by The Inspector General, as provided in paragraph 2p above, and the Commanding General of the respective command. For example, within the U.S. Zone of Occupied Germany, such information would be collected by agents under the technical supervision of The Inspector General and utilized by the Commanding General, USAFE and/or The Inspector General.)

c. Furnish The Inspector General with basic information concerning subversive activities in areas of Air Force responsibility which may be received from the attache system and other foreign positive sources.

5. It is further agreed that the provisions contained herein are effective as of 1 August 1948.